Uranium and Silica from Lambapur in Andhra Pradesh

108. SMT. BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the follow-up action taken on the remote sensing sateilite pictures of Uranium and silica obtained from Lambapur area in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether this Uranium can be gainfully exploited;

(c) whether any pilot project has been planned; and

(d) what is the cost-benefit of this Uranium for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Discovery of uranium deposit at Lambapur was followed up by exploratory drilling to prove subsurface continuity of the mineralisation.

(b) From the data acquired so far, it is expected that uranium can be gainfully exploited from this deposit in the areas where the uranium ore horizons occur at a very shallow depth of about 40 metres.

(c) No, Sir. Project for exploitation would be considered only when sizeable reserves are proved.

(d) Assessment of the cost benefit of these deposits will have to wait detailed investigations.

Petrol Pumps and Gas Agencies allotted under Handicapped Quota

109. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications are pending with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for allotment of gas agencies/petrol pumps to the handicapped/ disabled persons under the reserve quota, for the last two years;

(b) the number of applications received from Uttar Pradesh during the above period, the number of cases finalised and the number of persons who have been allotted agencies, district-wise; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Applications are received from time to time from different categories of people including physically handicapped for allotment of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products under discretionary quota of the Government. During the last 2 years i.e. 1994-95 & 1995-96, 32 RO and 16 LPG distributorships were allotted by the Government in Uttar Pradesh on compassionate grounds.

Government is not making any discretionary allotment of dealership/ distributorship of petroleum products at present.

Fund under RGNDWM in Andhra Pradesh

110. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise allotment of funds under RGNDWM Andhra Pradesh for drinking water supply schemes during 1995-96 and the current year;

(b) whether the funds allotted for the purpose are being properly allocated to different districts of the State; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some districts have been given lop sided weightage in release of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) The Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission allocate funds to the States/UTs District-wise/ Scheme-wise allocations are decided by the